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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the DCI with the PFIAB, 29 July 1966

1. This meeting included a discussion of the report of the PFIAB panel recommending modifications in existing procedures designed to strengthen requirements for the coordination of current intelligence publications as well as changes in the procedures relating to the preparation of National Intelligence Estimates. There was a general discussion of the panel report, which was initiated by the DCI, in which the Director, DIA and the Director, INR both participated. A general consensus developed that there was no need to change existing procedures for the formal coordination of current intelligence publications or National Intelligence Estimates. It was recognized that most of the studies put out by all of the intelligence agencies, which are not subject to formal coordination, are published to meet short deadlines and that the imposition of requirements for formal coordination would involve undue delays. It was also established that most of the issuances, while not formally coordinated, are either produced on the basis of a data base which is recognized in the community as authentic or are discussed informally with experts in the various agencies immediately concerned. For example, General Carroll referred to a DIA publication on Communist activity in Latin America which, although not coordinated in the formal sense, had been read and approved by officials in State and by CIA/OCI.

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2. It was therefore the position of the DCI, with which no disagreement was expressed by the Board, that there should be no change in existing procedures for formal coordination of current intelligence or for production of National Intelligence Estimates.

3. On the other hand, the DCI recognized the validity of the point made by various members of the Board, particularly General

Taylor, that readers of these disseminations should be able to identify the component or element or elements of the component of the intelligence community responsible for publication and the degree of coordination which the publication had received. The DCI therefore undertook to initiate an immediate examination of practical steps to accomplish this objective.

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As a result of the DCI's meeting with PFIAB, commitments were made with respect to follow-up action on the following points on the agenda:

Item 2(a). The DCI asked for time to give further thought to whether or not a new letter of authority from the DCI to support his coordinating responsibilities is necessary or desirable. Mr. Clifford agreed with this approach. He said that it was not necessary to wait for the next meeting of the Board and that he would welcome suggestions from the DCI whenever they are formulated.

Item 2(b). The DCI undertook to examine the NSCIDs and DCIDs and report which, if any, of these required modification. Mr. Gray reported that existing arrangements

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or to change the arrangements. General Taylor said that existing responsibility for the production of economic intelligence did not conform to the provision of NSCID 3. I believe in fact escape clauses of NSCID 3 do cover existing arrangements but the point should be examined.

Item 2(c). In connection with this agenda item, Mr. Clifford suggested that the DCI should familiarize himself personally with the substance of the Knox panel report.

Item 2(f). Mr. Clifford stated that further action, if any, to examine the feasibility of a systematized method of canvassing intelligence users rested with the Board and the DCI need do nothing further in this connection.

Item 2(h). The DCI undertook to examine the practicality of establishing a mechanism for comprehensive field inspection of significant intelligence activity on a regional basis.

Item 4. Mr. Clifford asked the DCI to keep the Board informed of all developments in the case of [redacted] [redacted] with a view to seizing a possible opportunity for extricating the Agency from the case.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

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1. The annexed memorandum for the record concerns a commitment made by the DCI to examine ways and means to label intelligence publications in such a way as to indicate clearly to the lay reader the identity of the publishing component of the community and the degree of coordination which the publication has received. This problem seems to me to have two elements:

a. How and to what extent is it desirable to include a positive statement to the effect that a given document has in fact not been coordinated, and

b. Is it practical to attempt to convey such intangible concepts as the fact that a given publication has been discussed with an expert but not coordinated with a component?

2. I told the DCI that I would communicate his commitment to you for whatever action appears appropriate. Obviously, having decided what is desirable and practical for CIA to do with Agency publications, the problem will then develop as to whether other components of the community (DIA and INR) can and should be asked to adopt similar practices.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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Although the problem of labeling publications to identify the issuing component and establish the degree of coordination which the publication has received is primarily a problem for the DDI, it also presumably involves some publications of the DD/S&T.

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Attachments

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